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Mothers still pass down their wedding

and ornamental style. bistory, come near to satisfaction. The the hall might be better able to attract joke, in a way, is on the wife of the audiences, and, having attracted them, to captain of industry, for with the world- find accommodation. wide production of cheap textiles she "The Tivoli Music Hall is also to be re can't tell whether she's getting reality or built, the requirements of the London an imitation for her large money.

old cloths of fifty or seventy-five years advantage of to bring the new premises ago is almost beyond any satisfactory up to the standard of modern requiresolution. Great ladies of the past had a ments. These changes seem to point to few wonderful gowns; and some of these something more than an actual need for gowns, taken from camphor trunks to- mere structural improvements; there is day, are startling in the solidity and in- behind them a spirit of unrest which, tegrity of their fabrics.

bothered by the durability of her clothes, tainty. because she doesn't wish them to endure. "The plain truth is that recent develop-The costumer who essays the stately cos- ments have put music hall enterprise tumes of the mid-Victorian period finds into the melting pot. The legalization of Emmett Corrigan, who is now playing in that she can make gowns which at first stage plays, the temporary vogue of the "The Yellow Ticket" at the Eitinge Theablush look like a procession at the old costly revue and the competition of the tre, and who will be remembered for his Crystal Palace; but how will they stand up to the arduous packings and travel- the present day life of a London music "Governor's Lady," as well as many other

textiles in the more expensive but really this triple influence. Few, if any, of the good old-fashioned way, has been considered by the costumers of New York, and the first production of topical revues; the may come to pass during the pert year. The ephemeral nature of woman's

best actremes modestly fellowed the po-lite modes, as degreed by the soberest of than are metropolitan houses, they are THES DANSANTS modistes. Nowadays actresses especially not likely to be jeopardized by the peril those of Paris-vie with each other in of costly productions. It may be accepted ringing a change on women's wearing apparel, and the woman of histrionic note is any rate in the great industrial centres. indeed a poor claimant to fashion if she are reflected in crowded theatres, halls can't point to at least one novelty—generally useisss, often outre and only occasignally one of common sense—which she the same law at the same time or in the bereal has invented, or adapted from same way, but sooner or later the prossome less famous person's inventionperhaps from the suggestions of her humble and space bustling press agent. "Mr. Elliott is importing many of the trade tends to smaller patronage and

fabrics used in his coming production of Kitty MacKay' from Paris and London. The costume plates have been completely gone over, with the result that some an equal footing. Some have licenses for microscopic changes toward absolute the sale of drink and others have not, and correctness—will be made in the women's this distinction in ordinary years makes a gramments as now worn. The second act of considerable difference in the ratio of Kitty MacKay' laid in a fashionable Lon- profits to receipts. It is well known that don home in the '60s, must be a model of the possession of a license encourages a perfect fashion as decreed by the Paquin certain class of custom and, when money of that day."

JULIA DEAN. day in Bermuda Miss Julia Dean was it is a factor which cannot possibly be especially engaged to appear next meason ignored in any comparison of London in a new drama by Mr. George Broad-halls. The favored houses, generally speaking, have less to fear from the who appears for a moment to maker in a vicissitudes of fastion to which themeet, the character assigned to Miss atrical enterprise, and especially music-Deen will be the only woman in the plan half ent . her planus been subject

MUSIC HALL PROFITS

Mrs. Heerman Telis of Cos- London Managers Admit Considerable Anxiety for Future. In noting the meeting of several managers of the London music halls, "The

London Times" says:

"The occasion seems opportune for remand of a needle brigade of twelve deft music hall finance in a general way. It is women, who are building four complete necessary, perhaps, to introduce the suboutfits for William Elliott's quartet of ject by recalling the fact that the Empire next season "Kitty MacKays," does not continues to pay 20 per cent, the same as undertake to reply in exact terms, but for the last five years, although the diat least sheds a pleasant illumina- rectors complain that the result of the "Grandmother was the immortal wom- attended the Coliseum, which is consesays Mrs. Heerman, "in that she quently able to raise its syndicate divihad as many gowns as possible-but a dend to 25 per cent in cash, besides giving great many reasons made it impossible a bonus of 100 per cent in shares, which means increasing the capital by £41,000. A "Fifty years ago the completion of a few months ago the Palace declared 29 fine gown was an event-now, it's just a per cent, and a week or two ago the Pa-

"The whole fundamental principle of there is no distribution for the shareholddressmaking has changed since those ers, the 'rare and refreshing fruit' of days. Then a costume was made not future dividends may be now regarded as only for beauty, but for endurance. a delectable possibility, and in no spirit cherish a plous hone that it gowns-a sort of Grail of Romance-but will not, like some other rare and refreshthen mothers bequeathed other dresses, ing fruit, turn to ashes in the mouth more practical, to their daughters or Had it not been for the necessity of nieces for the immemorial 'making over.' wiping out the debit balance of £5.766, a Nowadays she who keeps her clothes is good dividend could have been paid for lost. The mode of December is abso- 1913 out of the £16,000 of profit. Now that lutely archaic in May. Archaic not only this debit is got rid of, and that a step But in any case the merit of music in point of season, but in constructive has been taken toward writing off the hall investments can be judged only by cost of the recent alterations, the pros-"The modistes and the designers who pects look distinctly favorable. Changes need something to do are not solely re- in the executive and improvements in the sponsible. The disappearance of class house have put the Alhambra once more distinctions has been more real in clothes in the position of a competitor that has to than anything else. It has resulted in be reckoned with. The shareholders in a cheapening of fabrics-so that the restless ambition of the shopgirl to look like adopted a recommendation of their dithe wife of a captain of industry has at rectorate that both stage and auditorium last, for the first time in the world's should undergo reconstruction, so that

County Council in connection with the The question of duplicating the rich widening of the Strand having been taken while it indicates a desire for progress, The real-life woman is not greatly is also animated by a feeling of uncer-

picture shows have conspired to make fine performance of the leading role in the "The question of establishing theatrical For the present, at all events, the provin- an's part in the same play, Miss Alexanprovincial towns are privileged to witness majority are run, especially when connected with a circuit, on much cheaper much to the stage. Fifty years ago the lines; and, although they are more quicknecessarily come under the operation of perity of the people brings about a boom in amusements everywhere, and it is an inevitable corollary that a setback in

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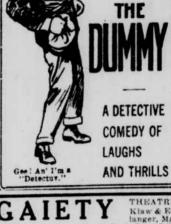
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